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From: Nelson, Eric
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2015 3:52 PM
To: Conlon, Nora
Subject: RE: Draft QAPP for review

Thanks Nora for your thoughtful comments. I've been speaking with Hilary, Jerry Keefe, and Rick Sugatt recently on questions I had regarding the sample design, and I'm in the process of revising the QAPP, accordingly. Some of the issues you've raised have already been addressed in my revision, but I will be sure to respond to all your comments. I hope to have a revised QAPP to you by COB Monday (9/28) at the latest. The plan at this point is to conduct sampling on October 14-15.

Thanks, again.
 Eric

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From: Conlon, Nora
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2015 3:35 PM
To: Nelson, Eric
Subject: RE: Draft QAPP for review

Hi Eric,

I've read your draft QAPP and think it's a good start. I have a couple of suggestions for details which you may already be considering.

1. List the number of locations – is there a reason to collect a duplicate sample at one location to see if the density of clams is somewhat uniform?
2. Site figure which includes the area to be sampled as well as the upstream (background) location.
3. Are there any difficulties that should be addressed on identifying the clams?
4. Will you be measuring/mapping the temperature gradient from the point of discharge from the power plant or is it already known? I understand you will be measuring water temperature at the point of sediment collection.

So, just a few thoughts for you. Have you determined when sample collection will occur?

Nora

From: Nelson, Eric
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2015 9:18 AM
To: Conlon, Nora <conlon.nora@epa.gov>
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Good Morning, Nora.

Despite a real desire to get into the field next week and conduct this survey, there are several aspects to the sampling design that I need to more fully consider, discuss with Hilary, and incorporate into the QAPP, so I don't see everything being in place by then. That said, I would very much like you to review and comment on what I've submitted to you so I have a sense of how you think it looks, and what else I need to work on. I'd be shooting for one of the first two weeks in October, depending on the availability of Hilary and the rest of the sampling team.

Thanks again for your help with this.
Look forward to hearing from you.

Best,
Eric

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From: Conlon, Nora
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2015 8:52 AM
To: Nelson, Eric
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Hi Eric,

I was traveling to ME for work the past couple of days. I will review the plan on Monday. If you can resolve any comments I may have next week, then you should be able to go out by 9/22. It's quite hectic in our office right now but this plan is short and hopefully in good shape so I will slip it into my review pile.

Thanks,
Nora

From: Nelson, Eric
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2015 4:29 PM
To: Conlon, Nora
Subject: Draft QAPP for review

Hi Nora:

As promised, attached you'll find the draft QAPP for the sampling I'm *hoping* to conduct in two weeks. I know this is a short deadline, but perhaps you can take a look at it and give me some sense of whether or not there is any chance of finalizing it before September 22. I completely understand if you think I need to delay the sampling. I'm out in the field tomorrow, but will be back in Thursday.

Thanks for considering this request.
Best,
Eric

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